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PY2018 Requirements

To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

EXTENDED GRACE PERIOD FOR PY2017 APPLICATIONS: APRIL 30TH, 2018

The Vermont Medicaid EHRIP Team is granting an extended grace period through April 30th, 2017 for submission of Program Year 2017 attestations. In order to accommodate competing Medicare MACRA/MIPS deadlines, delays due to unexpected staffing issues, as well as technical corrections required for the data file exchanges from CMS, providers and preparers will have this extra time to finalize applications that are awaiting submission or resolution of technical issues. If you have been unable to submit Program Year 2017 applications, please reach out to the EHRIP Team for assistance as soon as possible!

IMPORTANT UPDATES TO PROGRAM YEAR 2018 EHRIP REQUIREMENTS: FULL-YEAR REPORTING PERIOD FOR CQMs CMS recently sent an email to State Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs that included links to the latest guidance for Program Year 2018 reporting requirements. The links have not yet been posted on the CMS Program Year EHRIP webpage, but they are listed below, and also posted at the Vermont Medicaid EHRIP webpage.

PLEASE NOTE: CMS has clarified that a Full Year Reporting Period will required for PY2018 CQMs, as outlined in red in the following table.

Providers may continue to use a 90-day Reporting Period for Meaningful Use Objectives and Measures in PY2018.

Reporting Year Reporting Method		2017		2018	
		EPs	Hospitals	EPs	Hospitals
# of CQMs	Attestation	6	16	6	16
	Electronically	6	4	6	4
Reporting Period	Attestation	Any continuous 90 days	Full Year (except first-time meaningful users)	Full Year	Full Year
	Electronically	Any continuous 90 days	Any continuous 90 days	Full Year	Any continuous 90 days

More information on CQM reporting requirements is available in the <u>Medicare and Medicaid EHRIP Clinical Quality</u> Measures from 2017 through 2018 tipsheet.

Additional guidance on Program Year 2018 Medicaid EHRIP Requirements:

- 2018 Medicaid Modified Stage 2 Spec Sheets for Eligible Hospitals
- 2018 Medicaid Stage 3 Spec Sheets for Eligible Hospitals
- 2018 Medicaid Modified Stage 2 Spec Sheets for Eligible Professionals
- 2018 Medicaid Stage 3 Spec Sheets for Eligible Professionals

Program Year 2017 application processing for those providers who have submitted attestations will be underway as soon as final data environment updates are complete, and will be prioritized in the order the attestations were submitted. You can help expedite the process by submitting any requested supporting documentation right away.

If you are aware of anyone who would like to receive our EHRIP email updates, or if you would like to be removed from this distribution list, please forward the updated information to: ahs.dvhaEHRIP@vermont.gov.

Don't hesitate to contact the Vermont Medicaid EHRIP Team with any questions, and be sure to check out the <u>Vermont Medicaid EHRIP website</u> for important information about the program.

Thank you, Lorraine

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